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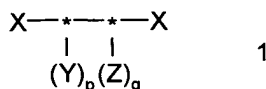
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5. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in claim 1 wherein the polyester chains are attached to the polyamine or polyimine backbone via amide and/or salt linkages.

6. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in claim 1 wherein the polyimine is poly (C₂₋₆-alkyleneimine).

8. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in claim 1 wherein the number average molecular weight of the polyamine or polyimine is from 500 to 600,000.

9. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in claim 2 which is represented by formula 1



wherein

X—---X represents the polyamine or polyimine backbone polymer;

Y is the residue of a polyester chain which is derivable from one or more hydroxy carboxylic acids all of which contain a C₁₋₆-alkylene group or lactones thereof;

Z is the residue of a polyester chain which is derivable from one or more hydroxy carboxylic acids at least one of which contains a C₈₋₃₀-alkylene or C₈₋₃₀-alkenylene group or actones thereof;

p and q are integers; and

(p + q) is from 2 to 2000.

11. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in claim 9 wherein the molar ratio of p to q is from 1:1 to 5:1.

12. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in claim 9 wherein Y is the residue of a polyester chain derivable from lauric acid, ϵ -caprolactone and δ -valerolactone.

14. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in claim 9 wherein Z is the residue of poly(ricinoleic acid).

15. (Amended) A composition comprising a particulate solid and a dispersant as claimed in claim 1.

16. (Amended) A composition comprising an organic medium and a dispersant as claimed in claim 1.

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17. (Amended) A dispersion comprising a particulate solid, an organic medium and a dispersant as claimed in claim 1.
18. (Amended) A millbase comprising a particulate solid, a film-forming resin, an organic medium and a dispersant as claimed in claim 1.
19. (Amended) A paint or printing ink comprising a particulate solid, a film-forming resin, an organic medium and a dispersant as claimed in claim 1.
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Please refer to the attached Appendix for changes made to the above claims.